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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of James M. "Whitey" Hansen of Rock Island, who passed away on January 2, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, James Hansen was born in Brooklyn, New York to John and Elizabeth Kelly Hansen on October 11, 1924; his parents died at a young age and he and his twin brother, Joe, were raised in an orphanage in upstate New York; he married Catherine Isabelle Kirchner in St. Patrick, Missouri on July 6, 1945; and

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WHEREAS, James Hansen proudly served with the United States Army Corps. of Engineers during World War II; after his discharge from the Army, he and his family settled in the Quad Cities; he worked as a truck driver and retired from Churchill Truck Lines in 1982; and

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WHEREAS, James Hansen was a retired member of the Teamsters Local No. 371, the Milan American Legion Post 569, and the Rock Island Moose Lodge; he was a lifetime member of the Rock Island Boat Club, and a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church in Rock Island; and

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WHEREAS, James Hansen was an avid fisherman; he also

1 enjoyed dancing, racquetball, and playing euchre; he loved to
2 go out and share a hearty breakfast with his family; he would
3 often take his sons camping and fishing in Missouri; he
4 traveled to Florida many times to visit his twin brother, Joe,
5 and go deep sea fishing; he would also take weekend fishing
6 trips with his brother-in-law, Bill Hungate; he could often be
7 found tinkering on treasures he found at garage sales, or
8 lending a hand to one of his many friends; and

9 WHEREAS, James Hansen was preceded in death by his son,
10 James B. Hansen, two grandchildren, and all five of his
11 siblings; and

12 WHEREAS, James Hansen is survived by his wife, Catherine
13 Isabelle Hansen; his children, Joan Holgate, Joe (Jean) Hansen,
14 John (Bonnie) Hansen, Robert Hansen, and his foster-son, Devin
15 (Lisa) Hansen; his nine grandchildren, Kenneth Holgate, Thomas
16 Holgate, Patricia Holgate-Norris, Melinda Leenerts, Elizabeth
17 Holgate, Tamara Robinson, Pamela Barrios, Christopher Hansen,
18 and Katy Hansen; his 22 great-grandchildren, three
19 great-great-grandchildren, and four stepgrandsons; therefore,
20 be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
23 family and friends, mourn the passing of James M. "Whitey"

1 Hansen, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
2 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of James Hansen as an expression of our
5 deepest sympathy.